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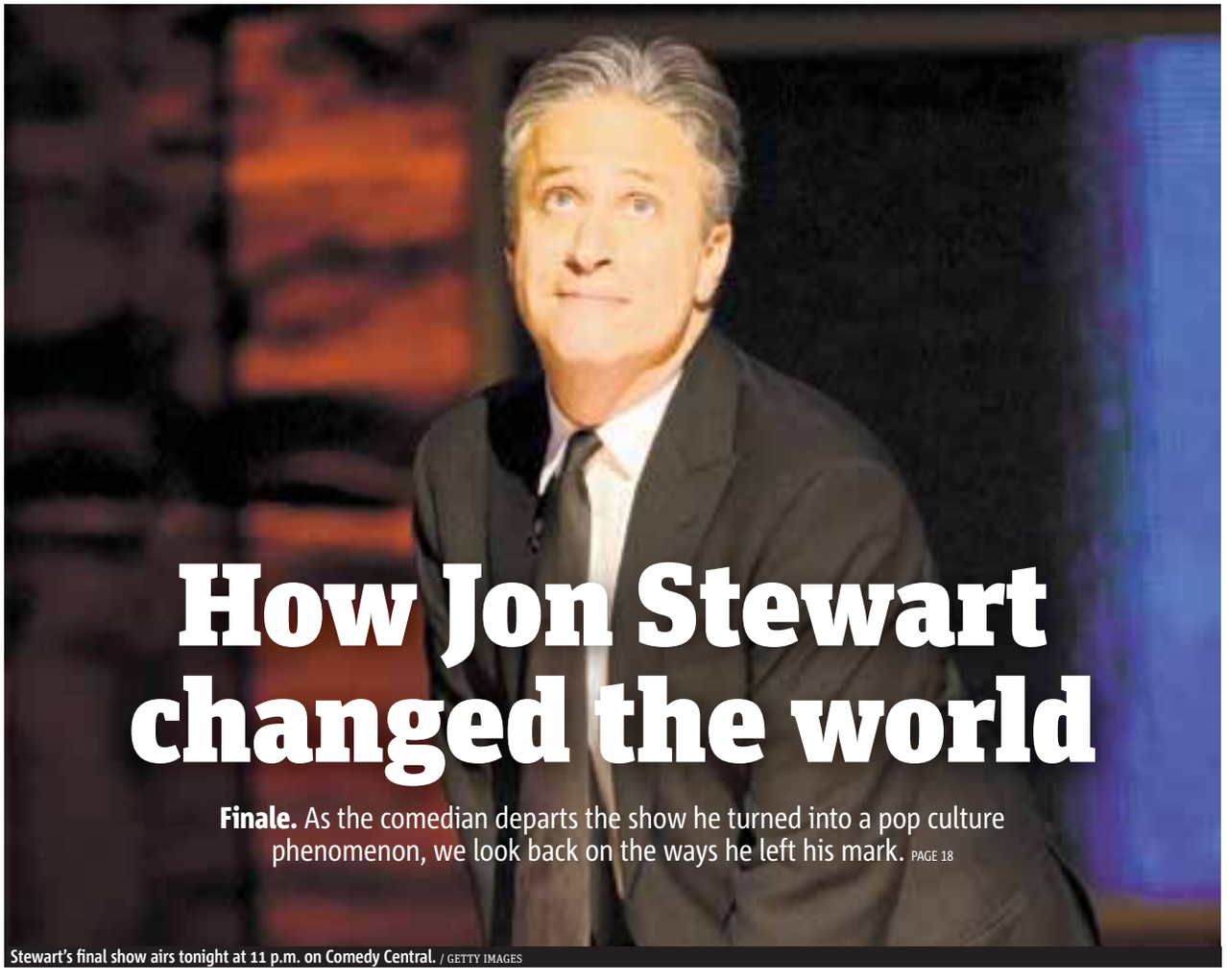

# How Jon Stewart changed the world

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Stewart's final show airs tonight at 11 p.m. on Comedy Central. / GETTY IMAGES

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Brooklyn Bridge Park is previewing its new John Street Park and Main Street Park this weekend. / BESS ADLER

# B'klyn Bridge Park unveils new stretch

**Debut.** Some of the 1.3-mile stretch along the Brooklyn waterfront has never been open to the public before.

When visitors pass through the Jay Street entrance of the Brooklyn Bridge Park for the first official time on Saturday, they'll be accessing a stretch of the waterfront park that has never been open to pedestrians before.

Construction on the 1.3-mile park, which stretches from Pier 6 in the south along the water north to Jay Street, started about a year a half ago.

"We just can't wait to invite people here. That's part of the magic. We've been building this for the past seven years," said Regina Myer, president of the Brooklyn Bridge Park Corporation, who gave Metro a private tour on Wednesday. "We're welcoming New Yorkers back to the waterfront, in certain cases places they've never had the opportunity to access."

The stretch people can preview this weekend, the John Street and renovated Main Street sections, offer visitors a simultaneous view of the Manhattan, Brooklyn and Williamsburg bridges.

The park bridges the past and the present, using old structures to move the design into the future. Pylons from the 19th century Arbuckle Coffee Factory are integrated in a tidal slip that rises and falls with the tide, exposing salt marsh grasses. Repurposed stones from the old Willis Avenue Bridge provide places for people in DUMBO to sit and eat lunch, and old cobblestones have been added at the Jay Street entrance alongside ADA accessible cobbles.

Brooklyn hounds can look forward to a dog run at the Main Street entrance. Other features include a 13,000-square-foot gathering lawn, climbing wall, public restrooms and classrooms at the Conservancy's Environmental Education Center.

A private residential building on John Street that is being built will house an annex of the Brooklyn Children's Museum.

Stretches at the northern and southern ends of the park will have soft openings in August, Myer said.

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Funding

### Controversy

The park's development, which relies on private development to fund the public space, has long been criticized by community groups, preservationists who do not want to see waterfront access blocked. A community meeting last week that discussed the building of two residential towers at Pier 6 was packed, with more than 90 public speakers signed up, and lasted more than five hours, the Brooklyn Daily Eagle reported.

"Building Brooklyn Bridge Park has been about two things: It's about welcoming New Yorkers and creating this great democratic space. And I think we've largely succeeded in that," Myer said. "But there is a real harsh reality, and the only way to ensure we have money to sustain this park forever is by these development sites."

By the numbers

## $118M

An economic study commissioned by the park and released to Crain's last week found the park needs $118 million in revenue from the Pier 6 residential projects to sustain the park.

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# Woman 'drugged and raped' at LES bar

**Happy Ending.** The woman said an employee raped her in the bathroom.

A 25-year-old woman said she was drugged and raped by an employee in the bathroom at the Lower East Side bar Happy Ending, according to published reports.

Pepper Ellett went to Happy Ending at around 1 a.m., and says she was followed by a male employee into the bathroom and raped.

"I believe I may have been drugged. I just remember going to the bathroom and running out screaming and crying, and my clothes were really messed up," she told the New York Post. The next morning, after being encouraged by her colleagues, Ellett went to Lenox Hill Healthplex on Seventh Avenue where a rape kit was administered. Her injuries were confirmed as consistent with sexual assault.

**Quoted**

**"I believe I may have been drugged."**
Ellett

When she decided to press charges, Ellett said, she was interviewed by three male police officers.

"One of them just kept asking me, 'Why don't you remember?' And the nurse had to step in and tell him, 'Well, that's normal for trauma victims to block out the event, it hasn't even been 24 hours,'" Ellett told Gothamist. "But he said, 'That just doesn't make any sense. Maybe you're a party girl. You know regrettable sex is not the same as rape.' You think I'd choose to be here in the hospital? Do you see the bruises all over me?"

Ellett described two of the three cops on Facebook as "in training."

NYPD said they're investigating the alleged rape and the officers who responded to her call.

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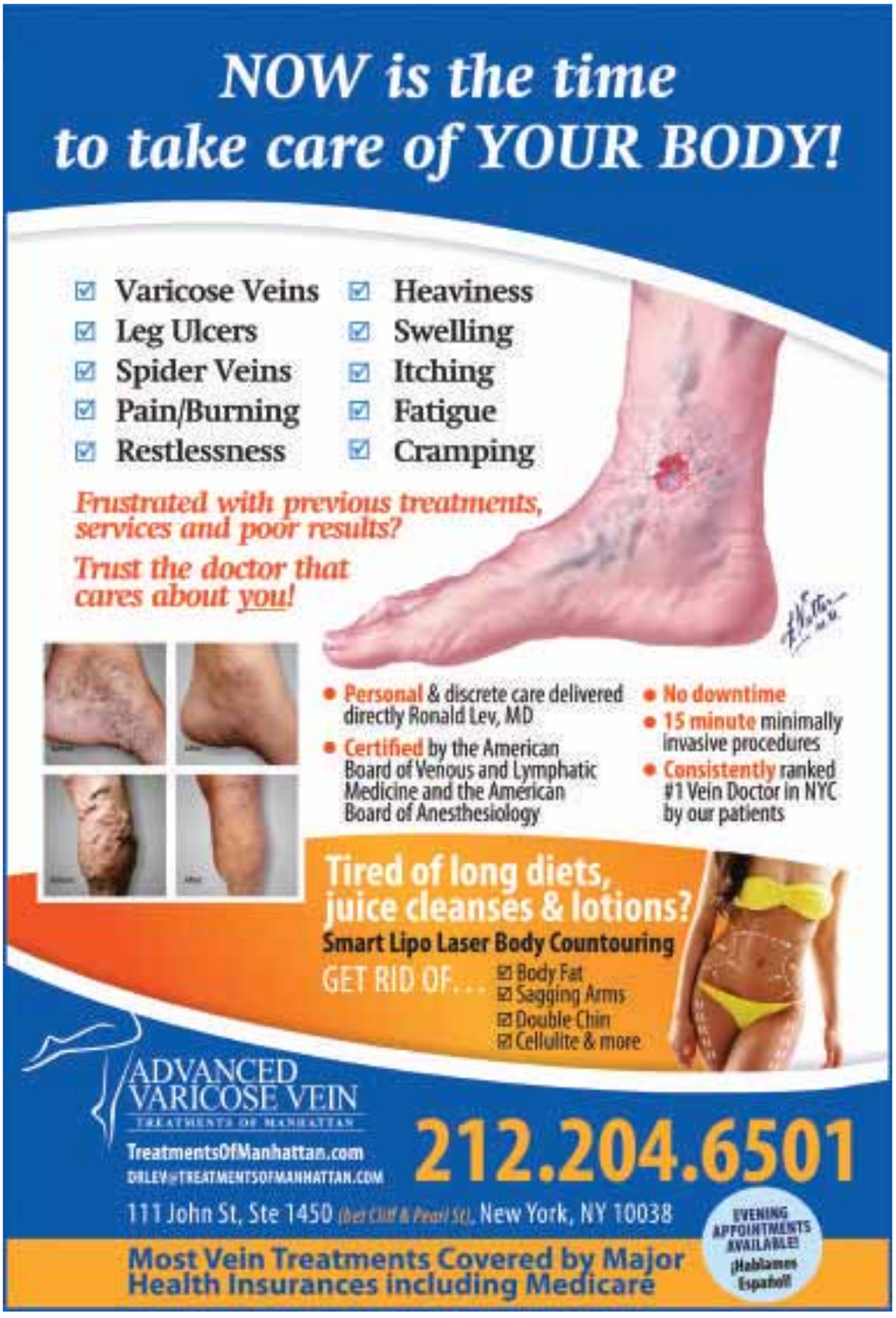
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## Bee swarm in Midtown

A swarm of about 20,000 bees was safely removed from West 54th Street and Broadway yesterday, the day after a similar swarm was removed at West 56th Street and Seventh Avenue, according to the NYPD beekeeper Twitter account.

## NYC. Opioid users often forced into sex

A recent NYU study connected opioid use and sexual violence among youths in New York City.

Participants in the study reported frequent incidents of sexual assault. The drug context facilitated this violence, according to the study.

In the NYU study, 164 participants from 18 to 29 years old answered questions about their drug use and incidents of sexual violence. Forty-one percent of females were forced to have sex while high. The study explained that fulfilling sexual favors is an expectation for drug users after receiving free drugs.

Additionally, 57 percent of participants in the study reported being high with someone who expected to have sex and 73 percent of female participants reported it at least once.

"We found that the drug-using context facilitated victimization of users who were unconscious or semiconscious as a result of using drugs," stated author Pedro Mateu-Gelaber of the study called "Sexual Violence in the Context of Drug Use among Young Adult Opioid Users in New York City." HADLEY BOLTRES

Musician John Mayer / GETTY IMAGES

# John Mayer + Grateful Dead to debut in NYC

**Grateful & Company.** New band will perform first concert in Madison Square Garden.

The Grateful Dead is not dead after all. Though their summer concert series was called Fare Thee Well, the group isn't leaving, just adding some new members, notably John Mayer.

The new band, called Dead & Company, has three core Grateful Dead members: guitarist Bob Weir and drummers Mickey Hart and Bill Kreutzmann. Only Phil Lesh, the bass player, won't be part of the new group. John Mayer isn't the only new recruit. Allman Brothers Band bassist Oteil Burbridge and RatDog keyboard player Jeff Chimenti have become members.

Dead & Company's first performance will be held at Madison Square Garden on Halloween. Tickets go on sale August 14th at 10 a.m. for the general public, and will cost less than $100 dollars for top-tier tickets, according to Billboard.

Apparently, Mayer has been practicing Jerry Garcia's guitar parts since March. He fell in love with the song "Althea" back in 2011. "Now four years later, it's what I call shaking the big Polaroid: really taking in and learning all that music," Mayer told Billboard.

All three Dead members commented on the new band to Billboard, offering some explanation for the new makeup, especially Mayer.

"Those songs weren't done with us," Weir explained. "It was a matter of who wanted to get back out on the road and keep doing it." He added that Mayer's enthusiasm "was the cherry on the sundae that made this project look like a good idea."

Hart said, "All the pieces just fell together magically. There was a kind of serendipity there."

"John gets to open up to many styles and doesn't have to be locked into any one genre. And I think that's why John is excited to play with us because we offer up a whole new cookie," explained Kreutzmann.

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Botched

## Central Park robbery thwarted by would-be victim's yell

A would-be robber in Central Park got an earful when his victim thwarted the theft by yelling at the crook and running off, police said.

A sketch of the suspect / NYPD

The 31-year-old man was sitting on a log and counting his money near East Drive and East 109th Street at 3:50 p.m. Saturday when a knife-wielding man approached and yelled, "Let me get that!"

The victim responded by shouting at the suspect and running away, leaving the attempted robber empty-handed except for the blade. There were no injuries.

NYPD released a sketch of the suspect, whom they described as 30 years old, standing 6 feet tall and weighing 180 pounds.

He was wearing a baseball hat, black shorts, a white shirt and white sneakers.

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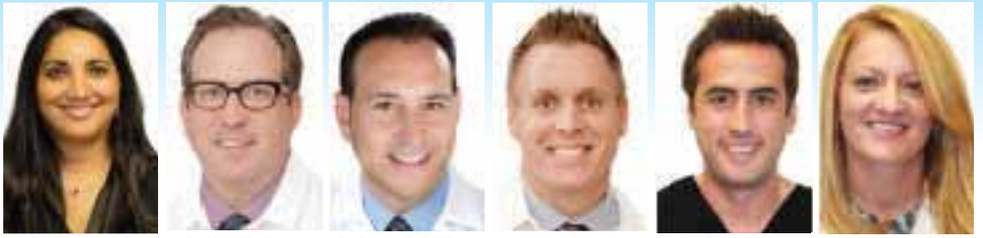

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# Drugs. 'Weaponized' weed is driving users bonkers: Bratton

The cost of synthetic marijuana in city bodegas: $2 to $5. The cost to your sanity: priceless.

New York City's top cop has gone to DEFCON 1 on the dangers of what he is now calling "weaponized" marijuana, telling reporters that it drives users nuts, makes them impervious to pain, and dangerous when high.

"The synthetic marijuana issue has been one of great and growing concern here in New York," NYPD Commissioner William Bratton said at a news conference Tuesday.

"You are going to see a lot more of it in the short term."

In one video released by the NYPD, a naked homeless man is seen screaming and tussling with cops, punching a hole in a fence and then leaping over an embankment.

**Quoted**

**"The synthetic marijuana issue has been one of great and growing concern here in New York."**
Bratton

The city's homeless have particularly taken to the synthetic weed (aka K2 or spice), he said, because it is a cheap high.

A federal ban on compounds found in synthetic marijuana products was enacted in 2012 and it is illegal to sell it in the New York state.

Between April 1 and July 31, more than 1,900 people were admitted to hospitals in the state after taking the substance, the NYPD said.

One man high on the drug used his hands to stop an electric saw being used by police to open a door, Bratton said, leaving him covered in blood.

Raids on corner stores and other outlets, which have been illegally selling synthetic marijuana in packages for $2 to $5, have helped slow use, he said. **JOHN A. OSWALD**

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# Five things you need to know

## 1 Triple murder may have been ritualistic killing: Police

A Florida woman and her two adult sons were killed in their Pensacola home in what investigators believe was a ritualistic murder linked to last week's "blue moon," police said on Tuesday.

The victims, identified as Voncile Smith, 77, John William Smith, 49, and Richard Thomas Smith, 47, were found dead on Friday, three days after police believe someone the family knew entered the home and killed them as part of a witchcraft ritual.

A "BLUE MOON"

"The elements of this case are odd, at best," Escambia County Sheriff David Morgan told a news conference.

All three victims had their throats slit and were bludgeoned with what was believed to be a claw hammer, Morgan said, and Richard Thomas Smith, a Department of Homeland Security employee, was also shot in the head, perhaps to incapacitate him before the murders.

"Initial research has led us to believe it was a ritualistic killing," Morgan said. "The method of the murder ... and our person of interest has some ties to a faith or religion that is indicative of that."

The crime appears to have been part of a witchcraft practice linked to the July 31 blue moon, a reference to the second of two full moons that appear in a calendar month, Morgan said. REUTERS

## 2 Calif. governor challenges candidates on climate change

Democratic California Governor Jerry Brown sent a letter to all Republican presidential candidates pressing them to discuss their plans to deal with climate change.

The letter attributed California's raging wildfires and drought to global warming caused by human activity, a theory generally rejected by the Republican Party.

"Longer fire seasons, extreme weather and severe droughts aren't on the horizon — they're all here, and here to stay," Brown said. "Given the challenge and the stakes, my question for you is simple: What are you going to do about it?" REUTERS

## 3 Facebook feature allows businesses to message users

Facebook rolled out features Wednesday that enable businesses to privately communicate with customers through messages as part of the social networking company's push to make its Messenger app a stand-alone platform.

Businesses can now include a "send message" button in ads that appear in Newsfeed that allow Facebook users to click a button and send messages, which are private. If users post a comment on a business's Facebook page, then the business can privately message that person. REUTERS

## 4 Two elite US airmen die after parachute training accident

Two elite U.S. airmen who served in combat zones around the world died from injuries sustained during a parachuting accident in Florida.

The free-fall training accident occurred at the Eglin Air Force Base.

The men were identified as Sergeant Timothy Officer, 32, and Sergeant Marty Bettelyoun, 35. Both had served several tours of duty abroad and were part of a special tactics unit in the Air Force's special operations division.

Officer, a 14-year veteran, had received two Bronze Star Medals for bravery, the Air Force said. Bettelyoun was a 15-year veteran. REUTERS

## 5 Poll: Eleanor Roosevelt a favorite for the new $10 bill

More than one in four Americans are hoping the soon-to-be redesigned $10 bill will feature Eleanor Roosevelt, according to a McClatchy-Marist poll.

The poll showed the former first lady in first place with 27 percent, trailed by African-American abolitionist Harriet Tubman, who received 17 percent of 1,249 votes, and Native American explorer Sacagawea, who received 13 percent.

Who will replace Alexander Hamilton on the bill has been the subject of much debate. REUTERS

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# Cosmopolitan. Magazine editor on getting the 'porn' treatment

The granddaughter of William Randolph Hearst recently scored a big coup in her campaign to get Cosmopolitan, her family publishing empire's top-selling magazine, treated as porn.

Rite Aid and Food Lion are now putting pocket shields on the mags — the way many stores cover up Playboy and other explicit publications — in response to Christian activist Victoria Hearst's Cosmo Harms Minors campaign.

Hearst, who has no say in the family business, has been beating the drum against Cosmo in conservative media for months, saying the mag's frank talk about sex, fellation, female orgasms and pornography make it porn.

Cosmo editor Joanna Coles finally responded — and let's just say she is poking the bear.

She called the campaign by Hearst, the founder of Praise Him Ministries, "sexist" and a "double standard," noting that many men's mags, like GQ, also run frank stories on sex, the New York Post reported.

Rite Aid has nearly 4,600 stores in 31 states, and Food Lion has about 1,100 in 10 states.

JOHN A. OSWALD

Victoria Hearst calls for the magazine to be only sold to adults and on racks in an opaque wrapper. / GETTY IMAGES

**Quoted**

**"I have no time for a debate. I am too busy putting out a magazine and encouraging American women to have more and better orgasms."** Coles

Police and gendarmes carry a piece of the wing. / GETTY IMAGES

# Malaysia confirms wing part is from missing MH370

**Flight.** MH370 went missing in March of last year while en route to Beijing from Kuala Lumpur.

Malaysia confirmed early on Thursday that a piece of a wing washed up on an Indian Ocean island beach last week was from Malaysia Airlines flight MH370, the first trace of the plane found since it vanished last year with 239 people on board.

"Today, 515 days since the plane disappeared, it is with a heavy heart that I must tell you that an international team of experts has conclusively confirmed that the aircraft debris found on Reunion Island is indeed from MH370," Prime Minister Najib Razak said in an early morning televised address.

"I would like to assure all those affected by this tragedy that the government of Malaysia is committed to do everything within our means to find out the truth of what happened," Najib said.

The announcement, by providing the first direct evidence that the plane crashed in the ocean, closes a chapter in one of the biggest mysteries in aviation history but gives victims' families little clue as to why it disappeared.

"It's not the end," said Jacquita Gonzales, who lost her husband Patrick Gomes, a flight attendant.

"Although they found something, you know, it's not the end. They still need to find the whole plane and our spouses as well. We still want them back," she said.

The airline described the discovery as "a major breakthrough for us in resolving the disappearance of MH370." REUTERS

**Quoted**

**"We expect and hope that there would be more objects to be found, which would be able to help resolve this mystery."**
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# Senator 'alarmed' by reports of military families harassed

A U.S. Senator said on Wednesday he was alarmed by reports of an FBI alert that relatives of U.S. military personnel in Colorado and Wyoming were harassed outside their homes by Middle Eastern men who may have had them under surveillance.

"I am alarmed by reports out of Denver that military members' families have been harassed outside their homes and may be under surveillance," Sen. Cory Gardner, a Republican from Colorado, said in a statement.

According to a copy of the alert published online by Denver's CBS affiliate, the wife of a U.S. military member was approached in front of her home in Colorado in May by two men who stated she was married to a U.S. interrogator.

Similar incidents in Wyoming were reported to the FBI throughout June, the alert read.

An FBI media coordinator in Denver did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

According to the copy of the alert published by CBS4, the two men laughed when the woman in Colorado denied their claims that she was married to a U.S. interrogator.

They then drove away in a dark-colored, four-door sedan with two other Middle Eastern males in the vehicle. The woman had observed the car in the neighborhood on previous occasions, the alert said.

It also said family members of military personnel were confronted by Middle Eastern men outside their homes in Wyoming "on numerous occasions" during June. REUTERS

Colorado Sen. Cory Gardner
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**"This news comes less than two weeks after FBI Director James Comey, speaking in Denver, warned of the heightened threat from the Islamic State that Colorado specifically faces."**

Gardner

# Police kill gunman at Tennessee movie theater

**Shooter.** The 51-year-old gunman had a backpack or other type of bag on him, which police are examining.

A gunman also wielding an ax opened fire at a Nashville-area theater showing of the movie "Mad Max: Fury Road" and was shot dead by police after slightly injuring at least one person on Wednesday, police and fire officials said.

More than a dozen emergency vehicles were on the scene at the Carmike Hickory 8 movie complex in Antioch, Tennessee, where one man suffered minor injuries from the ax and that man and two women were treated for exposure to pepper spray, possibly from the gunman, officials said.

"We believe the imminent threat has been ended," police spokesman Don Aaron told reporters.

Brian Haas of the Nashville Fire Department said none of the injuries, including the ax wound, appeared to be serious and none of the victims were transported to area hospitals.

"It appeared to be nothing but a bad bruise," he told reporters, referring to the person struck by the ax.

Two employees of a nearby Starbucks restaurant said they heard three or four gunshots and saw several police, fire trucks and ambulance vehicles responding.

In the Lafayette incident, the 59-year-old gunman opened fire on July 23 in a movie house during a showing of the comedy "Trainwreck." Two theatergoers were killed before he took his own life as police closed in.

That shooting came almost three years to the day after 12 people were slain and dozens wounded by a gunman at a cinema in Aurora, Colorado, during a midnight screening of the Batman film "The Dark Knight Rises."

The Nashville shooting follows the fatal shooting of five U.S. servicemen in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and the massacre of nine African Americans at a South Carolina church. REUTERS

The Carmike Hickory 8 movie complex in Antioch / GOOGLE MAPS

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**The shooting comes less than two weeks after three people were killed and nine were wounded when a gunman opened fire in a movie theater in Lafayette, Louisiana. The gunman was among the dead.**

**Senate report**

## Gyrocopter stunt exposes security flaws

The high-profile gyrocopter landing at the U.S. Capitol in April exposed security lapses that included communications and investigative breakdowns and a radar gap, a bipartisan Senate report said on Wednesday.

The stunt by Florida mailman Douglas Hughes showed the need for improved information-sharing and air security technology, the report from the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee said.

The report also recommended stricter penalties against airspace violations in the U.S. capital and the naming of a lead agency to investigate incursions.

"Law enforcement agencies need to do more to help ensure people such as Mr. Hughes are not able [to] slip through the cracks and carry out unlawful and unsafe plans, especially within or near our nation's capital," committee Chairman Ron Johnson, a Wisconsin Republican, said in a statement. REUTERS

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# Going dark

Theron lurks in the shadows of "Dark Places." A24 FILMS



Charlize Theron confronts demons in Gillian Flynn's "Dark Places."

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Despite being one of the most successful actresses in Hollywood, Charlize Theron is painfully aware of how rare it is in popular film to come across a fully realized female protagonist who has some edge to her — even with an Oscar under her belt.

"It's interesting when you get to play a women that is layered and conflicted and has certain human attributes that might not be that attractive," she says.

"Somehow, because we haven't seen enough of it in cinema, it kind of sticks out like a sore thumb and people comment on it."

While she's not a fan of the state of female characters in movies, she understands why people are focused on them.

"People are talking about it because there has been such a lack of it," she says. "I can't say that I'm attracted to angry, dark people. I think what I'm attracted to are characters that to me feel very truthful to the embodiment of a full woman. It's just refreshing to see women like Gillian [Flynn] write women like that. It feels authentic."

Some folks keeping an eye on Theron's career have suggested she might be drawn to these darker roles because of her own rocky history — Theron's mother shot and killed her abusive husband in self-defense in 1991.

But the Oscar-winning actress insists those people are discerning connections where there aren't any.

"It's a very easy assumption to make that because I had a very tragic event happen in my life, that that was why I wanted to make this story, and it couldn't be further from the truth," she says. "There really aren't any similarities. The circumstances of this tragedy has absolutely nothing in common with the tragedy that happened in my life."

One connection, however, is family drama.

"The correlation in this that people can relate to is that we all come from this family structure that we don't get to choose necessarily," she says. "And I have yet to meet somebody that doesn't have some form of skeletons in their closet from the family life that they lived."

## Recipe for success

Now that she's starred in an adaptation of a Gillian Flynn novel, Charlize Theron has a foolproof plan for the rest of her acting career. "We've talked about it," Theron says of Flynn's future writing efforts. "All of her characters are going to be 5-foot-10 from now on. And flat-chested."

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In "Ricki and the Flash," Meryl Streep plays a musician who abandoned her children when they were young to pursue a dream that never came true. SONY

## 'Ricki and the Flash'

**Director:** Jonathan Demme
**Stars:** Meryl Streep, Kevin Kline
**Rating:** PG-13

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In "Ricki and the Flash," Meryl Streep plays the kind of person society likes to forget: the woman who walked away from her children at a young age to pursue a foolish dream, one that didn't have the nerve to come true. When we first see Ricki, real name Linda, she's playing with her band in a bar that's maybe a quarter filled. As far as purgatories go, it's not bad: The paltry patrons are into it as they play covers — mostly dad rock with the occasional sop to the youngs. Pierced, tattooed and bejeweled, one side of her head tied up in endless braids, she daylights at a pricey supermarket and is about to declare Chapter 11, but she's coasting in a way that to her is mostly harmless. When pressed, she regrets nothing.

"Ricki and the Flash" is the story of how she nervously struggles to reconnect with her moneyed ex (Kevin Kline) and their three kids, who are still upset with the mom who abandoned them. There are insurmountable tensions afoot, and it's hard to take a side between our protagonist — giggly, stubborn, gregarious — and the estranged family who has every right to look at her cross-eyed.

The thing is, "Ricki and the Flash" doesn't want you to take sides. It's in essence a hangout movie, burning with a goofy humanism that comes from Diablo Cody's script but even more so from Jonathan Demme, its director.

It's an odd fit: the snarky author of "Juno" and the enjoyably sour "Young Adult" paired with the warm soul of "Something Wild." But Cody's script is surprisingly delicate and open to the complexities of difficult relationships. Streep, a sometimes overly technical actress, can be a bit much in the early stretch, but she chills out around the time Ricki does the same. She knows she can't fully win back the kids she abandoned so she'll settle for something considerably less.

The film around her becomes about moments of transcendence, of losing one's self in music, even if it's just Springsteen or Pink covers, or interaction, even if it's with people who will never be sure if they can trust her. "Ricki and the Flash" can be spotty, but there are many, many times when it seems great. MP

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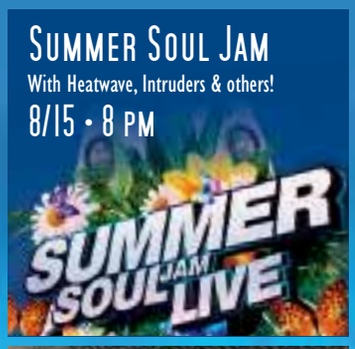

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# Jon Stewart's greatest 'Daily Show' achievements

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Jon Stewart, you will be missed. COMEDY CENTRAL

It's safe to say that Jon Stewart leaves "The Daily Show" with the kind of legacy generally reserved for a Nobel Prize winner. For more than a decade, he asked the important questions about what was happening in the country and skewered only the most deserving subjects. And despite his self-deprecating jokes about how he was watched only by stoned college students, Stewart's show often proved to be more than just satire: Real change came about because of it. Here, in no particular order, are some of the host's biggest wins.

## 1 "Crossfire" gets canceled

Stewart's distaste for pundit shows of all stripes came up repeatedly over the years, but it was his appearance on "Crossfire" that had the biggest impact. After appearing on the CNN debate program and pointing out that its hosts were hacks and that the show was "hurting America," "Crossfire" was quickly and unceremoniously canceled a few months later. Though it ended up being revived in 2013, it has since gone under again, as part of what we can only assume is a hex Stewart put on it.

## 2 First responders get their health care

Back in 2010, a bill providing health care for 9/11 first responders was in danger of being dropped after Republicans filibustered it. Stewart invited four men who had been first on the scene on September 11 — all of whom were suffering from health ailments related to their actions on that day — and asked them what they thought of what was happening. Not surprisingly, the legislation passed soon after that.

## 3 Teaching us to question media

We all knew there were a lot of pundit shows on before "The Daily Show," but they would have gotten away with a great deal more shenanigans if not for Stewart repeatedly putting them under the microscope. Sure, he didn't get every talking-head program canceled, but he made a vast audience a lot more skeptical of the way their news was being presented.

## 4 Making young people aware of current events

Stewart regularly defended his program as a comedic show rather than a news program, but there's no doubt that young people ended up a lot more informed about the news. "The Daily Show" was the best, hippest way to find out what was going on for those who weren't exactly tuning in to Brian Williams, no matter how many awesome stories about helicopter crashes Williams invented. Whether he intended it or not, Stewart managed to be the Walter Cronkite of our generation.

## The forgotten correspondent

Many great talents started out on "The Daily Show." Others passed through so quickly their tenure may be forgotten. From 2010 through 2011, Olivia Munn, then known for "Attack of the Show!" and bro magazine spreads, was a regular reporter. It was a controversial move, but the performer proved game and able as the Senior Asian Correspondent, fitting right in and overturning assumptions that she was just a hot sorta nerd. Then again, her tenure was but brief.

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**Aries** Your life will be less stressful if you get your financial particulars in order. Pare down your expenses and start saving instead of spending.

**Taurus** Being afraid of what lies ahead will paralyze you. Deal with any issue you face boldly if you want to find your way to the finish line.

**Gemini** Rely on yourself. Develop one of your promising ideas and ask others about marketing strategies or funding possibilities.

**Cancer** Don't trust others when you should instead trust your own abilities. Insecurity and self-doubt are best put aside if you want to move forward.

**Leo** You will be questioned and should prepare fully if you intend to speak up. What you have to offer, when presented with poise, will result in success.

**Virgo** Unscrupulous people will be happy to take your cash. Pursue financial opportunities, but keep the details between you and an adviser.

**Libra** You will feel used if someone asks you to take care of his or her responsibilities. Don't say yes if you feel you aren't going to benefit.

**Scorpio** Changes in personal and professional relationships will be unexpected and unnerving. Use your intuition to help direct your energy wisely.

**Sagittarius** Don't be too trusting when it comes to your dealings. Someone you trust with important information will try to use the knowledge.

**Capricorn** A day of pampering will help to take the edge off of a turbulent situation. Subtle self-improvements will give your confidence a boost.

**Aquarius** Think before you blame someone else. If you reassess, you will discover that your stubborn streak has contributed to your predicament.

**Pisces** Don't be afraid to open your heart and share your feelings. Favors you ask for will be granted and joint ventures look promising. EUGENIA LAST

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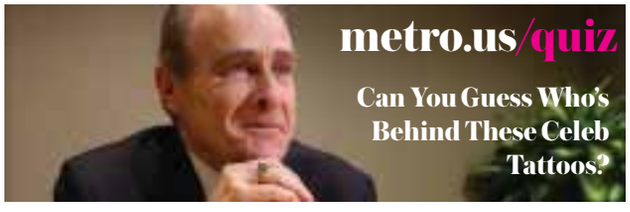


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# On the road to summer

Head upstate to these four weekend vacation spots that are an easy drive from the city but feel a world away.

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### Indian Lake
**Indian-Lake.com**

Don't let the name fool you — what you're really here for is whitewater rafting. Record snowfall this winter means the rivers in this region are higher and more intense than usual. It's easy to get the hang of it along the casual float down the Indian River before merging with the Hudson for a six-hour, 17-mile ride through untouched wilderness. Continue your water adventures at Garnet Hill Lodge, which sits on a 2-mile lake with a sandy beach, floating docks and free use of canoes and kayaks.

### The Wild Center
**WildCenter.org**

This gem of a museum will take you into the Adirondacks, no hiking experience required. Feel what it's like to walk on the area's mossy bogs, roam the center's miles of trails, take a canoe ride (offered daily during the summer) or try your hand at re-creating the region's natural beauty in its studio. New this summer is Wild Walk, a "High Line of the forest" that lifts you into the tree canopy to experience how birds live, including a human-size nest and the migratory birds' version of the board game Life.

### Saratoga Springs
**Saratoga.com**

Way more than a college town with horse racing, Saratoga Springs is a must-do for its therapeutic mineral baths and vibrant arts scene. Check out a classic Irish jam session at The Parting Glass, discover new music at Skidmore College's rooftop concerts and over a latte at Caffe Lena, the oldest coffeehouse in the U.S., and see works by masters like Picasso and Rembrandt just as they hung in the turn-of-the-century homes that house the Hyde Collection.

### Lake Placid
**LakePlacid.com**

This city hosted the Winter Games twice, in 1932 and 1980, and kept up the facilities as a training ground for future medal hopefuls. Visitors can skate on the same rink where the Miracle on Ice hockey game happened and stand on the dizzying ski jumps. In the summer, watersports and hiking keep this charming resort town bustling, but you should just as well spend the weekend strolling the idyllic main street, eating barbecue that holds its own against any in the city at Smoke Signals or sipping wine on Top of the Park's lakeside patio.

# Lower Manhattan is their canvas

Street art occupies an often controversial space in a city changing as rapidly as NYC. But Wayne Rada proved that street art both had a place in Lower Manhattan and could boost the community surrounding it in 2012, when his nonprofit The L.I.S.A. Project painted murals along Little Italy's Mulberry Street to revitalize the area after Hurricane Sandy.

This weekend, Rada expands his vision to a whole new neighborhood and a four-day festival. Stretching from 23rd Street to the South Street Seaport, The LoMan Festival will debut 21 permanent large-scale murals by local and international artists, including NYC's Hanksy and Ron English.

"With all the cool galleries, music and comedy venues, it just made sense," Rada says of focusing on Lower Manhattan.

**If you go**

**The LoMan Art Festival**

Aug. 6-9
Various locations
Free, www.lomanartfest.org

It took 10 months of discussions to pull it all together, but the end result goes beyond just adding artwork to the streets. There will be talks, film screenings and a sculpture garden featuring the bust of Edward Snowden that caused controversy earlier this year. The main event comes Saturday, when two teams will create two 25-foot-tall murals in 90 minutes.

Though they're murals, creative control stayed with the artists. "It's better if they're excited to paint what they want," he says. **EVA KIS**

Ron English's new mural took three days. **REY ROSA PHOTOGRAPHY, THE LOMAN ART FEST**

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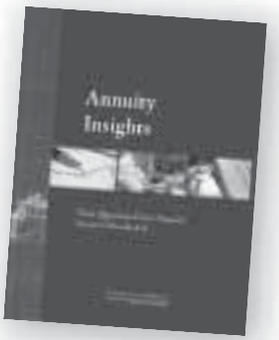


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## 'Grand Illusions'

**Aug. 10-Jan. 18, 2016**
**Metropolitan Museum of Art**
**1000 Fifth Ave.**
**Free with admission, Metmuseum.org**
In the digital age, we know that there's a vast chasm between reality and what a picture depicts. But the art of staging photos for dramatic effect dates back to the very birth of the art form. A new exhibit opening at the Met this weekend shows 40 famously staged photographs to examine their purpose.

BOOKS

## Felicia Day

**Aug. 10, 7 p.m.**
**Housing Works Bookstore Cafe**
**126 Crosby St., Brooklyn**
**$25.99, Wordbookstores.com**
Felicia Day knows a thing or two about making her way on the Internet as a female nerd. She'll talk about it all to promote her new memoir, "You're Never Weird on the Internet (Almost)." Your ticket includes a copy of the book.

MUSIC

## Michael Jackson Tribute Band

**Aug. 8, 7 p.m.**
**Highline Ballroom, 431 16th St.**
**$20+, Highlineballroom.com**
Even before we lost the King of Pop, there was a continent-crossing tribute band booking out shows with his catalog. Who's Bad returns to NYC this Friday for a one-night-only show. The group includes professionally trained dancers taking on Jackson's signature moves and a party atmosphere guaranteed to get the audience grooving too.

PARTY

## Dog Day of Summer Show

**Aug. 10, 9 p.m.**
**Pine Box Rock Shop**
**12 Grattan St., Brooklyn**
**Free, Pineboxrockshop.com**
Since you're sweating already, you might as well hit the dance floor. Spend Monday night showing off your best moves as some of the city's hottest up-and-coming hip-hop artists deliver a full night of pulse-pounding music, including Bramage, Dan Dillinger, Henny Mack, Lars Viola and Syanide. To be sure the music never stops, After Them Music will also provide a live DJ set.

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## New York Pops

**Aug. 6 & 7, 7:30 p.m.**
**Forest Hills Stadium**
**1 Tennis Place, Queens**
**$10-$129, Newyorkpops.org**
The fabulous New York Pops will be returning to Carnegie Hall for a new season this October. Until then, catch them at their new summer home, Forest Hills Stadium in Queens. On Thursday, Broadway's Sutton Foster will be singing with the Pops, and Friday they will play alongside Pink Martini — a civic-minded band whose hits have been popular on dance floors and as protest anthems.

ARTS

## Wes Anderson Art Exhibit

**Aug. 6-9**
**Joseph Gross Gallery**
**548 28th St.**
**$5+, Josephgrossgallery.com**
San Francisco's Wes Anderson tribute show "Bad Dads" comes to Manhattan after five years on the West Coast. The homages were contributed by 70 international artists spanning the director's career — with affordable prints for sale.

CULTURE

## Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival

**Aug. 8-9, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. & 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**
**Flushing Meadows Park**
**Free, HKDBF-NY.org**
This weekend is the 25th year of the Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival in Queens, , so expect a next-level celebration during the parade on Saturday and some extra hustle in the dragon boat race Sunday. Musical, dance, singing and other performances will round out the cultural festival.

FILM FEST

## Richard Lester: Running Jumping Pop Iconoclast

**Aug. 7-13**
**Lincoln Center's Walter Reade Theater, 165 W. 65th St.**
**Filmlinc.com**
Richard Lester directed the two big Beatles movies, the middle two original Superman films and the beloved "Three Musketeers" films in the '70s. But from the early '60s through the late '80s, he created films as dizzying in technique as they are cutting — fast-paced, perpetually creative satires that belie his bemused concern for the human race. Of the 13, sometimes hard-to-find films at Lincoln Center's Lester retro, you shouldn't pass up "Petulia," his savage yet humane look at San Fran in the Summer of Love; "Juggernaut," his cool-tempered semi-disaster movie; and "The Knack," his deceptively savage Swingin' London survey with fine pratfalls from Michael Crawford.

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MICHAEL TULIPAN

Oysters are delicious, but some serious texture issues have made us leery — it only takes one gritty bivalve to spoil the party. So we're thrilled about this savory "oyster" entry on the omakase menu at Neta (61 W. Eighth St.) The Greenwich Village's modern Japanese restaurant changed concepts this spring, becoming omakase-focused and turning out a fine-dining menu by Per Se and Le Bernardin alum Sungchul Shim. The dish retains all its umami goodness, with a dollop of uni and the rice cracker "shell" made with squid ink, but inside is a bite of panko-fried Wagyu beef in ginger-kurozu sauce. It's a lovely, slightly unbelievable bite that will seriously satisfy when fall blows in but you're still longing for a taste of summer. And starting this week, Neta is launching lunch service Friday through Sunday with a 10-course omakase menu that includes this dish for $95. Eva Kis

# Whale encounters on Canada's east coast

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When one of the largest creatures on the planet rises up out of the ocean and looks you straight in the eye, it's an unforgettable experience.

Canada's Atlantic seaboard, the Bay of Fundy and the Gulf of St. Lawrence provide some of the best whale watching in the world. Up to 22 species of whales migrate into these waters in search of food from about May through October, peaking in late July to early September. And all around the coast, there are boats waiting to get you out onto (or into) the water.

## Newfoundland and Labrador

The largest number of species are to be found off Newfoundland's shores, including the biggest of them all: the blue whale. The waters of the Witless Bay Ecological Reserve are only a short drive south of the provincial capital, St. John's, and trips leave daily out of Petty Harbour.

## The Bay of Fundy

Known for having the highest tides in the world, this enormous "bathtub" of water is home to 12 species of whales, including 50 percent of the world's endangered right whale population, plus finbacks, minkes, humpbacks and more. The best places are around Grand Manan and Campobello islands, off St. Andrews-by-the-Sea in New Brunswick and off Brier Island on Nova Scotia's Fundy coast.

## The Gulf of St. Lawrence

All around the gulf, there are options for viewing the finbacks, minkes, pilots, humpbacks, belugas, blue whales and others that come to feed in its rich waters. In Nova Scotia's Cape Breton, Cheticamp and Pleasant Bay are the main centers along one of the most scenic routes in the world: Cabot Trail. Over on the northern shore in Quebec, head for Tadoussac, at the mouth of the Saguenay Fjord, or take a cruise downriver from Quebec City.

## Closer Encounters

There are exciting variations on the whale-watching theme, including accompanying marine biologists on data-collection trips, sea kayaking and even snorkeling with whales. Snorkelers are advised to calmly float and observe the approaching whales — and, curious creatures that they are, they will approach. **INSIGHT GUIDES | PENNY PHENIX**

**If you go**

## Top tips

- Whale-watching trips usually last for two to three hours and cost an average of $35 to $55.
- Whatever the weather, it's usually cooler out at sea, so dress accordingly.
- If you're traveling as a family, check age limits; some boats don't allow young children on board.
- Sightings are not always guaranteed, but some companies offer a free second trip if you don't spot any whales on the first one.

**For more info**

**Tourist offices can supply details of operators:**

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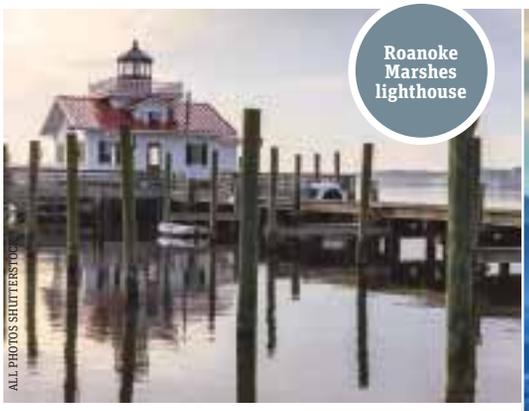


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# Laid back sophistication in Roanoke

With a gorgeous setting in the Blue Ridge Mountains, a vibrant cultural and entertainment scene and endless outdoor activities, Roanoke, Virginia, works for couples, singles and families.

Roanoke feels fresh. New buildings and businesses dovetail with a preserved turn-of-the-century downtown that's the lively heart of the city. Shops and restaurants surround the town square, which hosts a daily outdoor market with craft artisans and fresh produce and flowers.

The Center in the Square is a multistory arts, culture and performance center. The Harrison Museum of African-American Culture, the History Museum of Western Virginia and the Science Museum of Western Virginia are all here. The star of the Science Museum is the largest living coral reef in the mid-Atlantic. Admission price to the new Pinball Museum includes unlimited play on the 45 machines from the 1950s to the '90s.

The nearby Taubman Museum of Art houses folk art, American masters and contemporary regional artists. Photographers shouldn't miss the O. Winston Link Museum for its stunning black-and-white photo vignettes of the last years of steam railroads.

Nightlife centers on music. This is the heart of bluegrass country, so fiddles and dobros are much in evidence, but check local clubs for jazz, blues and rock. Dining out? Metro! is known for its martinis and sophisticated menu. Alexander's consistently wins kudos as one of the best restaurants in Virginia, and Burger in the Square is justly famous for its burgers and waffle fries.

You cannot stay indoors in this mountain location. The pet-friendly greenways throughout the town are popular with walkers, bikers and joggers. The Appalachian Trail and other hiking venues are just footsteps away from downtown.

Roanoke's tourism website, **www.visitroanokeva.com**, suggests itineraries and has tools that let you plan your own visit.

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# GRONK WORTHY OF FIRST ROUND PICK IN DRAFTS

When Alexander Bell invented the telephone, he had three missed calls from Rob Gronkowski. A deity among mere mortals, women want Gronk and men want to be him. That includes fantasy owners, who will need to invest a first-round pick in order to get their hands on him. Deciding whether to take that plunge requires a closer examination of the tight end landscape as a whole, as well as a strong grasp on your league's settings.

Rob Gronkowski is the best tight end out there, and it's not even close. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Matchup tilter

We can make an argument for both Aaron Rodgers and Andrew Luck at the top of the quarterback rankings. Adrian Peterson, Le'Veon Bell, Eddie Lacy, Jamaal Charles and a couple of other running backs project very similarly. We are splitting hairs between the deep top-tier of wideouts like Antonio Brown, Julio Jones and Dez Bryant. But at tight end, there's Gronkowski and then there's everyone else. So if you are in a standard weekly head-to-head format, having him is like starting each week with a 10-point lead. There's far less value with Gronk in leagues that heavily factor raw total points.

## Where to Plunge

My clear-cut top-two picks are Adrian Peterson and Le'Veon Bell. After that, it's a total free-for-all. Coming off a refreshingly healthy Summer of Gronk, it's very reasonable to take him right after that Brown/Julio/Dez wideout tier. You won't have to use another pick on a tight end until very late (if at all), allowing you to stock up at running back and wideout from Rounds 2-10. Even if Tom Brady ends up missing four games, Jimmy Garoppolo showed enough as a raw rookie last preseason to give Gronk upside. It certainly doesn't hurt to know that Matt Cassel was fantasy's No. 8 quarterback when Brady missed the entire 2008 season.

## Other options

If you pass on Gronkowski, there's a mini version in Travis Kelce. Frustratingly limited by the presence of Anthony Fasano last year, the man known as "Zeus" will be unleashed this year and brings baby Gronkonian upside in the fifth round. After Kelce and fellow mid-round targets Martellus Bennett/Zach Ertz/Julius Thomas, the play is to wait. Going for red-zone appeal with Dwayne Allen, Kyle Rudolph, Ladarius Green or Austin Seferian-Jenkins makes sense if punting the tight end position.

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**NFL news**

**Arian Foster's groin injury spells major trouble for the Texans offense. Since he cracked the starting lineup in 2010, the team is 2-13 without him and 33-20 with him. Their best option now is to implement a scheme that relies heavily on the pass game – even though the quarterback situation is sub-optimal with Brian Hoyer and Ryan Mallett. Given the likelihood of how often the Texans will be trailing and how inept they project to be running, DeAndre Hopkins is going to see massive volume.**

**Yankees host Jays**

## Bombers will face division rivals for first time since May

IVAN NOVA GETS THE NOD ON SATURDAY VS. TORONTO.

The Yankees are 2-4 against Toronto this year but haven't played them since May, and the Blue Jays have revamped themselves since then. The series this weekend will go a long way in determining the AL East champ.

Knuckleballer R.A. Dickey faces the Yankees on Friday, a hurler the Bombers have had trouble figuring out. In 204 at-bats, the Yankees are batting just .215 collectively against the 40-year-old veteran. The Yankees answer with Nathan Eovaldi, and he has been thriving on run support all year.

Newly-anointed Blue Jays ace David Price squares off against the Yankees on Saturday. The Yankees saw plenty of him when he was with the Rays and did fairly well against him; Price is only 6-4 with a 4.01 ERA against the Yankees since 2012.

In the finale, Masahiro Tanaka takes the hill for New York, and while he has been useful this year he has not been dominant like he was at times last year. He will be opposed by Marco Estrada. ROBERT CRISCOLA

**Blue Jays vs. Yankees**

Here's a peek at this weekend's pitching matchups:

- **Friday –** Dickey (6-10, 4.06) vs. Eovaldi (11-2, 4.30)
- **Saturday –** Price (10-4, 2.45) vs. Nova (4-3, 3.10)
- **Sunday –** Estrada (9-6, 3.40) vs. Tanaka (8-4, 3.84)

**Mets vs. Rays**

- **Friday –** deGrom (10-6, 2.09) vs. Odorizzi (6-6, 2.86)
- **Saturday –** Syndergaard (6-5, 2.66) vs. Karns (6-5, 3.37)
- **Sunday –** Colon (10-10, 4.72) vs. Archer (10-8, 2.54)

**Mets head to Tampa**

## Mets look to pitch past Rays this weekend

YOENIS CESPEDES LOOKS TO KEEP IT ROLLING THIS WEEKEND.

Runs will be a precious commodity when the Mets-Rays series kicks off on Friday. Jacob deGrom, who has allowed just four earned runs in his last four starts (27.2 IP), faces Jake Odorizzi, who is 3-2 with a 1.41 ERA at home this year. These teams don't normally see much of each other, but newest Met Yoenis Cespedes is 3 for 9 against Odorizzi in his career with a home run.

Noah Syndergaard turned in a sensational start last time, going eight strong innings against the Nationals to help seal the series sweep on Sunday night. He will square off against Nathan Karns on Saturday.

In the finale Sunday, Bartolo Colon and Chris Archer will go head-to-head. Colon and the Mets broke a streak of seven straight losses when Colon started (Colon went 0-6 in that span) when the Mets clubbed the Marlins 12-1 on Monday. Colon went eight strong innings while surrendering just the one run. Archer has allowed just five earned runs in his last three starts and struck out 27 batters in that span. ROBERT CRISCOLA

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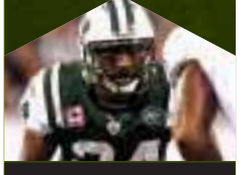
## *Brady jabs at Peyton*

**We got some insight into Tom Brady's mindset Wednesday when items from Brady's Deflategate appeal were made public. Brady responded to an email last fall from his friend, Kevin Brady, and took a jab at rival quarterback Peyton Manning. Kevin Brady brought up a Grantland piece which compared the two quarterbacks. The Patriots' QB responded with a shot at Manning's longevity. "Thanks Popa," Brady wrote to his friend on Nov. 1, 2014, just one day before the Patriots blasted Manning and the Broncos, 43-21. "I've got another 7 or 8 years. He has 2. That's the final chapter. Game on."**



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# METS FINALLY 'GOING FOR IT'

OPINION

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There is a new vibe in Flushing.

Instead of unrest and dismay, there is excitement and hope. Instead of talk of next year, there is talk of this year. It is refreshing and great to see. For a fan base that has been asked to be far too patient for far too long, they finally get a shot at relevancy.

The Mets fan is emboldened because the tone has been set this year. The organization is all in. They have decided to go for it after seeing their young and dominant starting pitching mature right before their very eyes. Instead of patience and talk of next year, there is talk of playoffs and meaningful second-half baseball.

And it is a credit to their GM, Sandy Alderson, and their owners, led by Fred and Jeff Wilpon. You have to give credit to Alderson for having the vision to make deals to acquire Kelly Johnson, Juan Uribe, Tyler Clippard and Yoenis Cespedes. He also gets credit for giving up young pieces in the farm system. And ownership deserves credit for getting the financial freedom to make the trades. It is no longer about next season for the first time in years. Times are a changin' in Flushing, and that is a good thing.

I have been critical of this franchise. The Mets have not had a winning season since Citi Field opened for business in March 2009. Since that time most of the talk surrounding the Mets has been about money and spending and why they don't spend like a major market team.

They have been great about selling the individual story. R.A. Dickey's rise was fun. Jose Reyes' batting crown win was as well. But the team wasn't winning.

In one move last Friday, however, the Mets sent shock waves across this city and Major League Baseball by acquiring Yoenis Cespedes from the Tigers. Cespedes is a legitimate middle of the order, right-handed power stick.

Yoenis Cespedes, left, and Lucas Duda celebrate Duda's two-run home run last weekend against Washington. / GETTY IMAGES

The message was simple: We are in it to win it. You have not been able to say that about the Mets in a long time.

This Mets organization talked a good game, but actions speaks louder than words and their actions were never as strong as they were this past Friday.

That move led to the excitement this past weekend in Flushing with the Nationals in town. It was literally the biggest weekend series in the history of the building. Playing off of that, we had the unreal moment of Wilmer Flores hitting the walk-off homer in the bottom of the 12th Friday night.

Young starting pitching led the Mets to an opportunity to seize in 2015. They finally decided to reach for it instead of turning away. They have now regained some trust with their fans and also strengthened a team that deserved it. Instead of focusing on drama and what ifs, we now focus on a playoff chase and meaningful baseball.

Times have certainly changed in Flushing. On behalf of Mets fans everywhere I want to say "Thank you" to Sandy, Fred and Jeff. Thank you for strengthening a team that deserved it, and giving us all a team that has a real chance to do something special this season.

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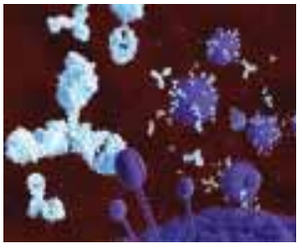

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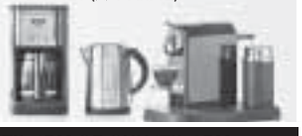

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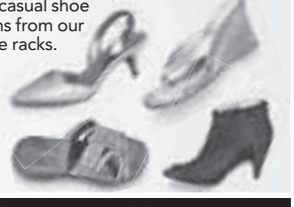

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